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I am a 48 state truck driver who has subscribed to XM radio for 2 years. It is the best thing to hit the road since round wheels. I value the more comprehensive and frequent traffic & weather updates provided by XM's new service. When I go into a major city I prefer to know what the traffic is like 100 miles or more before I get there so I can plan an alternate route if necessary. Local stations can't do that. They don't broadcast that far out. Local stations also only broadcast traffic & weather info every 20 minutes only during the rush hour times after that I have no way of knowing what lies ahead of me. The local stations report takes 30-60 seconds to complete & is spoken so quickly it can't be understood. They use locally recognized highway names not familiar to outsiders. XM's service offers a longer, more frequent & much more indepth report using both freeway names & numbers so when I hear the Harbor/710 freeway in L.A. is jammed I know what is going on. If local stations don't like what the competition is offering they need to improve their services instead of getting rid of a better thing.